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Form 10-309
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Westmoreland	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON: STRATFORD HALL	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION	
STREET AND NUMBER: 3 miles north of Lerty on Virginia Route 214	
CITY OR TOWN: Stratford	
STATE Virginia 22558	COUNTY: Westmoreland
CODE 51	CODE 193

3. CLASSIFICATION	
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both
Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Plantation</u>	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY	
OWNER'S NAME: Robert E. Lee Memorial Association	
STREET AND NUMBER: Stratford Hall	
CITY OR TOWN: Stratford	STATE: Virginia 22558
	CODE 51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Westmoreland County Courthouse	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN: Montrons	STATE: Virginia 22558
	CODE 51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY: HABS	
DATE OF SURVEY: 1932-40	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: D.C.
	CODE 11

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

a. BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Stratford Hall, probably best-known as the birthplace of General Robert E. Lee, is of major importance both historically and architecturally. The list of noted men who were born or lived at Stratford Hall reads like a miniature "Who's Who"; four members of the Governor's council, 12 burgesses, four members of the Virginia Convention of 1776, two Signers of the Declaration of Independence, several Governors of Virginia, members of the Continental Congress, diplomats, and military leaders. Of those born at Stratford Hall besides the Confederate general, the list includes the Signers, Richard Henry and Francis Lightfoot Lee, and three other Revolutionary leaders, William, Arthur, and Thomas Ludwell Lee.

Architecturally, the mansion is a notable example of early Georgian architecture, yet with many features which make it unique. Its H-plan gives it a kinship with the Capitol building at Williamsburg and Tuckahoe in Goochland County, Virginia. It is a huge bulk with raised basement, unaccompanied by the usual pilasters and other academic forms. One of its chief distinguishing characteristics is the presence of twin sets of four chimney stacks on the wings, connected by arches and enclosing balustraded roof-decks. The monumental great hall is outstanding of its period, with a "complete academic formality" seldom found in early Georgian architecture. Four original service dependencies flank the mansion. The acreage owned by the Foundation is only a portion of the original 16,000-acre estate, on which Col. Thomas Lee built the house in the period, 1725-30.

The Stratford Hall estate, maintained as a historic house museum and operating eighteenth century plantation, is in excellent condition. The formal gardens have been restored, as well as walks, walls, shrubbery and minor dependencies.

b. BOUNDARIES: Beginning on Route 214, at a point about 2,000 feet west of the main entrance road leading into Stratford Hall; thence proceed east along Route 214 for approximately 2.5 miles to a point approximately 500 feet west of Bryant Town; thence in a northeasterly direction parallel to and about 1,000 feet east of a dirt road, to the Potomac River waterfront; thence west along the Potomac River waterfront for approximately 2.5 miles to the eastern boundary of Westmoreland State Park; thence south along the eastern boundary of Westmoreland State Park for approximately 6,400 feet; thence west along the southern boundary of Westmoreland State Park for approximately 1,800 feet; thence south for approximately 1,100 feet to point of beginning.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☒ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Ancestral home of the prominent Lee family of Virginia; birthplace of many noted men, including two Signers of the Declaration of Independence and Robert E. Lee; and an unusual example of early Georgian architecture.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hugh Morrison, Early American Architecture, From the First Colonial Settlements to the National Period (New York, 1952); Edmund Jennings Lee, Lee of Virginia, 1642-1892 (Philadelphia, 1895); F. W. Alexander, Stratford Hall and the Lees Connected with Its History (Oak Grove, Va., 1912); E. M. Armes, Stratford on the Potomac (1928); Thomas T. Waterman, The Dwellings of Colonial America (Chapel Hill, c. 1950).

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds		LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	38 ° 10 ' 01 "	76 ° 51 ' 16 "				
NE	38 ° 10 ' 01 "	76 ° 48 ' 28 "				
SE	38 ° 08 ' 37 "	76 ° 49 ' 05 "				
SW	38 ° 08 ' 37 "	76 ° 51 ' 26 "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Frank S. Melvin		DATE 6/30/72	
ORGANIZATION Virginia State Office, National Park Service			
STREET AND NUMBER: Box 10008			
CITY OR TOWN: Richmond	STATE Virginia 23240	CODE 51	

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
U.S. Geological Survey - Stratford Hall quadrangle			
SCALE: 7.5 topographic 1:24,000			
DATE: 1968			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT:			
DATE OF PHOTO:			
NEGATIVE FILED AT:			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			

